

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application, and claims 9-22 have been withdrawn from further consideration due to a restriction requirement, which was timely traversed. Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by US Patent 3,908,127, by Clark. Applicants have amended claims 1 (and by dependency claims 2, 4, 5, and 8) and 7, and have put claims 3 and 6 in independent form, unchanged. Applicants respectfully submit that as amended, claim 1, and by dependency claims 2, 4, 5, and 8, and claim 7, are not anticipated by Clark. Applicants further respectfully submit that for the following reasons, claims 3 and 6 are not anticipated by Clark. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination of claims 1-8.

Claim 1, and by dependency claims 2, 4, 5, and 8, have been amended to include "a groove on the machine, wherein said end two of the wire is laid in said groove to align the wire to the desired position". This is supported by Figures 1 and 2, where the groove is item 8. Clark has no such limitation, therefore Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 8 as amended are not anticipated by Clark.

Claim 3 is rewritten in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of claim 1, which was previously incorporated by reference. Therefore, claim 3 is in the same form as originally presented. Claim 3 has the limitation "a slide pin which is mounted to the machine, wherein said slide block is slidably mounted to the machine on said slide pin". The Examiner does not state where Clark shows a slide pin mounted to the machine, or the slide block slidably mounted on the slide pin. What the Examiner is calling the slide pin (28) is mounted to what the Examiner is calling the slide block (22), and then the slide block/pin combination is slidably mounted on the machine. "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described in a single prior art reference" [MPEP 2131 quoting *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987)]. Thus, because Clark does not disclose a slide pin mounted to the

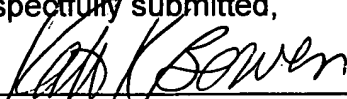
machine, or the slide block slidably mounted on the slide pin, Claim 3 is not anticipated by Clark. Applicants respectfully submit that rejection of claim 3 on this basis is in error, and request that the rejection on this basis be withdrawn.

Claim 6 is rewritten in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of claim 1, which was previously incorporated by reference. Therefore, claim 6 is in the same form as originally presented. Claim 6 has the limitation "a slide pin which is mounted to said holder, and wherein said slide block is slidably mounted to said holder on said slide pin". The Examiner does not state where Clark shows a slide pin mounted to the holder, or the slide block slidably mounted on the slide pin. In fact the examiner states "the slide pins being mounted on the slide block (22)." Applicants respectfully submit that rejection of claim 6 on this basis is in error, and request that the rejection on this basis be withdrawn.

Claim 7 has been put in independent form, and has added the limitation "wherein said leg one and said leg two form an acute angle". This limitation has been added to distinguish between the L – shape of Clark's item (22) and the applicant's V-shaped slide block. The V-shape is supported in the text and in the drawings (Figures 2-3), and is better to prevent the wire from sliding out. Because Clark does not disclose an acute angle on the slide block, claim 7 as amended is not anticipated by Clark.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-8 are allowable as herein amended, and request that the amendment be entered, and the rejections against them be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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